

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (July – September 2008)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 07/28/08 7pm, 30 min

The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority said it cannot provide any student loans this fall. The non-profit is contacting over 40,000 students they have lent money to in the past to tell them look elsewhere for cash.

Where We Stand: America's Schools In The 21st Century N 09/15/08 10pm, 60 min

A frank evaluation of America's educational system's strengths and weaknesses. Hosted by Judy Woodruff, senior correspondent for The Newshour With Jim Lehrer, the documentary visits schools throughout Ohio, an important swing state that represents a range of socioeconomic and geographic school districts.

Greater Boston, L 09/24/08 7pm, 30 min

Today, Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester released the school and district results on the MCAS tests. Meanwhile, a group of college professors is urging Gov. Deval Patrick to scrap the MCAS tests.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 07/01/08 7pm, 30 min

Earlier this month, Suffolk University reached an agreement with the Beacon Hill Civic Association over the university's 10-year expansion plan. Under the agreement, the university agrees to a "non-expansion zone" on Beacon Hill and to cap its undergraduate enrollment at 5,000 during the 10-year period.

Greater Boston, L 09/17/08 7pm, 30 min

NABBERS has been working to clean up Boston's graffiti problem. The group says Boston has cleaned up over 950 graffiti tags so far this year and the city spends \$1 million a year on clean-up efforts.

Greater Boston, L 09/10/08 7pm, 30 min

Author Stephanie Schorow discusses her new book, East of Boston: Notes from the Harbor Islands. Her newest book is a guide to the Boston's Harbor Islands--including Deer Island, Castle Island and Nut Island.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 09/23/08 7pm, 30 min

Convicted child rapist Robert Sicari was released from Bridgewater Treatment Center this morning, and was eventually fitted with an electronic monitoring bracelet.

Greater Boston, L 07/17/08 7pm, 30 min

The death of a Brockton man killed in a hit-and-run on Saturday is reigniting a debate among lawmakers over cell phone limitations for drivers.

Greater Boston, L 07/22/08 7pm, 30 min

Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis joins us to talk about recent violence in the city.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups.

Greater Boston, L 07/10/08 7pm, 30 min

Author Jim Hirsch discusses living with diabetes. Allen's son was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, requiring a daily dose of insulin. He recently wrote an op-ed in the Boston Globe "An Open Letter to Ray Allen."

Greater Boston, L 07/10/08 7pm, 30 min

Sandra Lynch is the ninth chief judge of the Boston-based First Circuit Court of Appeals, and the first woman to hold the post. Lynch was sworn in last month and succeeds Judge Michael Boudin, who served as the court's executive officer since 2001, and who will remain on the court in active capacity.

Greater Boston, L 07/16/08 7pm, 30 min

A new New York Times/CBS News poll indicates that Americans are still divided by race, despite Barack Obama's candidacy as the first African-American presidential candidate of a major political party

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 07/16/08 7pm, 30 min

Peter Gosselin discusses his new book on the nation's financial stability, "High Wire: The Precarious Financial Lives of American Families." In his book, Gosselin writes that more and more American families are dangerously close to a financial disaster.

Greater Boston, L 07/28/08 7pm, 30 min

Author Susan Quinn discusses her new book, "Furious Improvisation." Quinn's book chronicles the rise and fall of the Federal Theater Project, a Depression-era arts program aimed at inspiring Americans during hard times.

Bill Moyers Journal N 08/22/08 9pm, 60 min

With celebrations set to kick off in Denver for the Democratic National Convention, Bill Moyers Journal travels to Colorado where tough economic times are hitting suburban communities. Says Mag Strittmatter, of JeffCo Action Center, a social services agency just west of Denver, "It's remarkable how many people have, in the past, brought items to us at our loading dock. They gave us clothes, and gave us food, and said, 'Here. Use these items to help people in need.' They're the same people having to ask for help."

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 07/01/08 7pm, 30 min

Gov. Deval Patrick is expected to sign a bill that would push energy companies to invest in efficiency and explore renewable developments.

Greater Boston, L 07/02/08 7pm, 30 min

With gas prices at \$4 a gallon, consumers are turning to fuel-efficient hybrid cars. However, car dealers and manufacturers are struggling to meet the growing demand for hybrid vehicles and many customers may have to wait several months to get one.

Greater Boston, L 07/07/08 7pm, 30 min

Today, the Environmental Protection Agency is expected to approve a proposed ban on boaters emptying their on-board toilets in the Boston Harbor. The ban goes into effect immediately and violators could be fined as much as \$2,000.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Nova ScienceNow, N 07/02/08 10pm, 60 min.

"Personal Genome"-- Several companies now offer a personal genetic profile that will predict a person's chances of contracting one of several serious diseases. The hope is that one day our genomes can predict exactly who is likely to get sick and what to do to prevent it. But this new era will have to wait until scientists fully untangle the web of genetic and environmental factors that cause most human disease.

Greater Boston, L 07/23/08 7pm, 30 min

Author Charles Kenney discusses his new book, "The Best Practice: How the New Quality Movement is Transforming Medicine." Kenney's book examines the movement to reform and improve healthcare to make it more efficient for patients.

Greater Boston, L 07/29/08 7pm, 30 min

More than two dozen private companies have sprung up offering to store cord blood stem cells for future medical use for a fee. Cord blood is taken from a baby's umbilical cord, and has the potential to help children down the road if they develop a life-threatening illness; cord blood banking is the storage of this blood for private or public use.

VIII. Economy/Business

Greater Boston, L 07/01/08 7pm, 30 min

Top Massachusetts leaders are expected to meet this afternoon to discuss the local impact of the nation's financial crisis. Senate President Therese Murray has invited House and Senate budget leaders, Gov. Patrick's secretary of administration Leslie Kirwan and Treasurer Tim Cahill to her office.

Greater Boston, L 07/15/08 7pm, 30 min

Life is good is a Boston-based clothing brand that has sold over 20 million T-shirts since 1994. The company was founded by brothers Bert and John Jacobs, who started out by selling T-shirts out of the back of a van.

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IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston, L 07/24/08 7pm, 30 min

Last month, Gov. Deval Patrick said the increase in domestic violence-related deaths is a public health crisis. On June 5, Patrick issued the first public health advisory on domestic violence to raise public awareness and prompt official reaction.

Greater Boston, L 09/17/08 7pm, 30 min

Kerry Kennedy discusses her new book, "Being Catholic Now." The book is a collection of 37 essays from prominent American Catholics on how the Church hierarchy is evolving.

Greater Boston, L 09/30/08 7pm, 30 min

Jared Bowen recently sat down with playwright Anna Deveare Smith about her new show, "Let Me Down Easy." Her play explores the vulnerability of the human body to wars, genocide and diseases.